

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No.: 10/807,467
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Group Art Unit No.: 3653

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, and 4 in a manner thought to resolve this rejection.

Claims 1, 3-6, and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wimmer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,662,622). The Office Action indicates that claims 2, 7, and 8 include patentable features.

Solely to advance prosecution of exemplary embodiments of the invention, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 5 to incorporate the patentable features of claims 2 and 7 therein, respectively. Applicants have canceled claim 2. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in form for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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